

News and Reviews

BIOME news

NMAP has now provided access to over 1 million pages of information, since its launch in April 2001 and over 2500 websites throughout the world now link to NMAP.

BIOME, in conjunction with the Department of Information Studies at Loughborough University is currently undertaking an evaluation process to find out what its users think of the NMAP service.

During November and December 2001, an online questionnaire was completed by 671 users and results are currently being analysed. Initial results indicate that users were able to easily find the information that they required and 84% of respondents rated the relevance of the results that they found as either good or excellent.

The largest group of users were nurses with students slightly outnumbering lecturers. The main reasons given by most respondents for using NMAP were to support their learning and for professional development. Other reasons included supporting research and teaching and patient care. Further evaluation work is currently in process.

NeLH news

New additions to the NeLH include:

The Guidelines Finder is a database that holds details of 447 UK national guidelines. The finder allows keyword and text searching and browsing by specialist subject or publisher. The service also provides links to reliable guideline appraisal and guideline development sources.